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Subject: R9_ Follow Up _ ScIC Quarterly Meeting May 28th
Attachments: ScI decision tree.pub

All,

Duane James sent comments on the decision tree and also made the tree into a diagram (see attached). Duane has volunteered to participate in both subcommittees. I will add R9's comments to the collective ScIC doc. Thanks.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: Follow Up _ ScIC Quarterly Meeting May 28th

Hi Francesca,

Sorry this is late, but here are some comments on the decision tree.

Overall, I think it's a good process. I attempted to diagram the process so that I could follow the flow of the tree better, and I'm attaching it for reference.

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If you still need volunteers for the two subcommittees, I'm willing to help.

Duane

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To the Members of the Scientific Integrity Committee

Sent on behalf of Francesca Grifo, Ph.D., Scientific Integrity Official

Good afternoon, All,

Thank you for another productive quarterly committee meeting last week. I learn so much from you all at every meeting! As we discussed during the meeting, please find below important reminders and follow up items with due dates.

DUE BY JUNE 11th

1) In response to OIG rec #8 'to develop and implement a process to adjudicate allegations of SI Policy violations involving high-profile issues or senior agency officials', please review the attached Decision Tree and send any comments to Scientific_Integrity@epa.gov by **COB Thursday, June 11th**.

2) In response to OIG rec #12 'to develop a timeline or procedure that insures the prior fiscal year annual report on scientific integrity is completed and distributed before the annual agency wide meeting on scientific integrity', please send any comments on the timeline outlined below to Scientific_Integrity@epa.gov by **COB Thursday, June 11th**.

- August 2020 - FY 2020 FMFIA Results Available
- September 30, 2020 - FY 2020 Allegations/Advice Data Available
- Oct/Nov 2020 - Draft the 2020 Annual Report
- Dec/Jan 20/21 - Review and Clearance
- February 2021 - Release 2020 Report
- March 2021 - 2021 Annual SI Meeting

3) Thank you to the members who have volunteered for our two new subcommittees designed to a) coordinate with the Administrator's Office to analyze scientific integrity surveys, EVS results, and FMFIA data to develop an action plan in response to OIG recommendation #1, and b) discuss policy clarification and scientific integrity (e.g., science vs. policy).

Additional members are needed for both subcommittees – Please Volunteer! Let me know by June 11th.

4) Please encourage your staff to attend the June 17th Agencywide Annual Meeting on Scientific Integrity from 1-3p ET via webinar. Special guests Deputy Administrator Doug Benevento, Science Advisor Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, and OIG officials will be joining Francesca during the Annual Meeting. Outreach and communication materials will be issued in the next week. The Scientific Integrity team will share the materials with the ScIC for your distribution.

OTHER REMINDERS AND REQUESTS

Scientific Integrity Award Nominees

Please encourage accomplishments that might qualify for this award and identify nominees for the next Scientific Integrity award. Nominations will be due in mid-December. News on this year's Scientific Integrity award winner will be forthcoming!!

2020 Scientific Integrity FMFIA Responses

The updated FY 2020 FMFIA certification form on scientific integrity contains more focused questions. These will allow us to include more focused information in the FY 2020 Annual Report on Scientific Integrity. Please do not include routine items that are not scientific integrity related. The FMFIA questions also provide an important opportunity for survey participants to express concerns and/or needs directly to the ScIO.

ScIO Office Hours

Please share with your staff that even while teleworking, I am holding weekly office hours on Wednesdays from 11:30 -1:30p ET and can be contacted by phone (office/mobile) or directly via SKYPE or TEAMS. Discussions with me are confidential. Mobile - 202-657-8575

New Scientific Integrity Detail Recommendations

Please send any recommendations for an experienced, hardworking individual to join the Scientific Integrity team on a detail to work on the allegations backlog.

Supporting SciC Documents

For more information on the above topics, attached are supporting documents from the SciC meeting: OIG Response Table, SI Concerns Decision Tree, SCIC May 2020 Slides.

Please contact me or my staff with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of scientific integrity at EPA.

Stay safe!

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